

The Barber County Index.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A Job Well Done.

"The federals are cheating!" "The republicans are frauds!" Biff-bang! come the echos from Porto Rico. Only four years among us, yet how sweetly assimilated!

Some Free Advertising.

Low Wallace persists in suggesting Roosevelt and Mitchell as the proper ticket in 1904. It looks as if Lew were preparing to launch another novel, and wanted some advertising.

Wants a Clear Field.

The sultan of Turkey has issued an edict forbidding the publication of books in his realm. The reason is said to be that he is going to publish a book himself and wants a clear field for it.

Good for \$210,000.

Lord Kitchener, who will become commander-in-chief in India, will take up the best paid appointment in the British army. The commander-in-chief in India is worth about \$30,000 a year and is tenable for seven years.

Americans Are Great Readers.

An arithmetic man calculates the newspaper and periodical output in the United States at 2,865,466,000 dailies, 1,208,190,000 weeklies and 263,452,000 monthlies; total, 4,337,108,000 copies, an amount of printed matter equal to 2,000,000,000 average novels.

Enough to Go Around.

Good authorities estimate the apple crop this year at about 16,000,000 barrels more than the yield of 1901. That is a difference of probably 10,000,000, 100 apples, or about 125 apples for every man, woman and child in the country in excess of the scanty supply last year. It ought not to be necessary to nibble very close to the sores for the next few months.

Queer Firm Names.

William T. Gilmer, the inventor of bread-making machinery, has found some queer firm names in London, among them being "Pearce & Plenty, restaurateurs, suggesting peace and plenty; Allday & Onions; Cole & Wood; Savory & Moore, perfumers; Slippery Slippem, surgeon. "Imagine a man going through life with such a name," he writes, "and suppose his knife should slip!"

Checking a Freak Movement.

Eleven Cuban children have been refused admission to this country by the immigration authorities at New York, ostensibly because they might become public charges, but in reality because they were consigned for instruction to a freak school in California, where the instructors claim rare theosophic powers, and the soul of a follower of Mme. Blavatsky is incarnated in a pet spaniel.

Everybody Can Now Swim.

A device has recently been invented which consists of a float to be filled with air and adjusted to the swimmer's breast with straps. A small rope passes through a winding device on the float and is worked by the alternate movement of the legs, the ends of the rope being fastened to the feet. When the rope is moved through the winder it causes a small propeller to revolve and assists the swimmer forward.

Singular Classmates.

In this land of innovation the sight of a father and son earnestly seeking an education at the same institution of learning can hardly be regarded as unusual. The University of Pennsylvania has on its rolls two such students. Bernet Medoff, the father, is 44 years of age, and Joseph Medoff, the son, is 25. Both will be graduated in the same year. The father is taking a three-year course in architecture, and the son is taking the arts and sciences course.

Stranger Than Fiction.

The Angel of the Odd has been busy again. The killing of a school girl by a chance swing of a croquet mallet, the stabbing of a boy by a baseball striking the knife in his hand, and the breaking of a man's leg by a human missile in the form of a dizzy rider on a carousel are all chronicled in one day's news. One is led almost to believe that Poe's fictitious being who presided over improbable possibilities is not so fictitious after all.

Well Fixed for Winter.

With a cash balance in the treasury of almost \$900,000,000 Uncle Sam may look forward to the coming winter with composure, notwithstanding that his fur-bearing animals of all sorts are taking on thick overcoats, betokening that the season is to be a severe one. But with so much money ahead and coal down to its customary prices he ought to ride out its rigors without the last injury to his constitution and with little invasion of his comfort.

The Best Kansas News.

Kansas Post Offices.

Kansas gained four presidential post offices during the past year and lost 98 fourth-class post offices. The loss of fourth-class offices is attributed to the extension of the rural free delivery system. Of the 151 presidential offices in the state, 3 are first-class offices, 30 are second-class, and 118 are third-class. Of the 1,370 fourth-class offices, 770 are money order stations. During the year 26 fourth-class offices were established and 110 were discontinued. Kansas ranks 22 in population, and 13 in the number of presidential offices. It ranks 14 in compensation of fourth-class postmasters, the average yearly income of each being \$250. The gross receipts of the 1,521 post offices in Kansas aggregated \$1,837,521, or \$1.24 per capita. During the year 192 fourth-class postmasters resigned; 555 were removed, and 12 died. Of the first-class postmasters two resigned, two died, and terms expired in 83 cases.

Stories Worry Bailey.

In a letter from Gov.-elect Bailey to a Topeka friend, the new executive says the unwarranted gossip about his domestic affairs is very distasteful to him. He says he made no promises of marriage prior to his nomination, and that he is not considering the matter now while his father is at death's door. Gov.-elect Bailey will install his sister in the new \$75,000 executive mansion, and he has requested Justice A. L. Greene, of the supreme court and his family to live with him. This does not look very promising for a wedding at the executive mansion.

Land Cheaper Than Milk.

It costs the state \$121 a year to care for each inmate of the Dodge City Soldiers' home. There are, at present, 421 inmates of the home. The board has just purchased an additional half section of land for the home. It was a question whether the home should have more land for its cows or sell the cows and buy milk. The board figured that the milk bill for one year would be more than the price of the land, so it bought the land.

Chance for Dairy Instruction.

Dairy instruction for the winter of 1903 at the agricultural college at Manhattan will begin January 6 and extend 12 weeks, ending March 27. The creameries of Kansas are constantly wanting good men and are paying good wages for such. The dairy school will put young men in line for this kind of work. The cost of attending is not great.

Seven Will Contest.

Thus far seven republicans who have given notice that they will contest for the seats. They are: O. B. Stark, Barton county; U. B. Sharpless, Atchison county; P. F. Pocock, Wyandotte county; J. D. Miller, Lincoln county; A. A. Sharpe, Pawnee county; H. W. Wolcott, Leavenworth county; E. H. Nixon, Barber county.

Entire Family to Prison.

An entire family was sentenced to the penitentiary from Leavenworth. Edward Davidson, an old man, convicted of stealing a set of harness, was given one year and his sons, William and Bert, five years each for stealing a horse. William Brown, a son-in-law, was given a term of five years for horse stealing.

Wathena's Historic Family.

At Wathena lives Mrs. Christina Schuster, aged 96 years, and her four lineal descendants, Mrs. Susan C. Teits, aged 64, of Leavenworth; Mrs. Toni Dubach, aged 42, Wathena; Mrs. Mamie Diedrich, aged 22, of Enterprise, and baby Diedrich, daughter of the latter. Mrs. Schuster's husband is 99 years old.

Bailey Is to Hear From.

Former classmates of Gov.-elect Willis J. Bailey say the reason he is unmarried is because he was jilted while a student at the university of Illinois by a charming co-ed. The girl whom he courted and who promised to marry him is now the wife of a railroad man, and they live in Florida.

One Prohibition Township.

Nevada township, in Ness county, is the banner prohibition township in the state. In fact it is the only township carried by the prohibitionists this year. Emerson, prohibition candidate for governor, received 51 votes, Bailey 49 and Craddock 44.

They Must Draw Straws.

In Pawnee county, the vote for Sweeney, democrat, and Sharpe, republican, for the legislature, was a tie, and they must draw straws before the state canvassing board.

A Rapid Corn Shucker.

Harvey Berkley, of Hamlin, has broken the record for fast corn shucking. He husked 115 bushels of corn in five hours.

Profit to Sugar Beet Growers

A Colorado grower who is buying land upon which to plant and raise sugar beets in Kingman county, says the following is a fair sample of the cost and returns to be expected from an acre of ground planted to beets and properly tended: One acre will produce 18 tons, at \$5 per ton brings \$90. Beet leaves from one acre will bring \$2. The pulp will bring \$35 for feeding purposes, being a total of \$128. The total cost of production is at a fair figure \$30. Leaving the net profit of \$98 per acre. He thinks Kingman land as well suited as Colorado for beet culture.

Gave Her Life for Others.

Miss Emily Somersby, of Dodge City, a music student at Bethany college, Lindsborg, was run over and killed by a Union Pacific train four miles south of Lindsborg. The young woman was walking on the track with several children, who were attending a district school which Miss Somersby was teaching, and in an effort to see that the children got out of the way of the approaching locomotive, Miss Somersby remained too long on the track and was ground under the wheels of the engine.

Seed Wheat From Africa.

Rev. C. W. Wyant, in Osborne county, is in receipt of a bushel of wheat direct from Algeria, Africa. It is a hard spring wheat. Mr. Wyant will plant the wheat in the spring and watch the result with much interest.

For Stanley Till the Last.

J. W. Tapp, fusion state senator from Sedgwick county, who turned republican last summer, announces that he will go into the republican caucus and vote for Gov. Stanley for United States senator from first to last.

Kelly Home From Philippines.

Rev. Bernard Kelley, the well-known Methodist preacher, who has been two years in the Philippines as an army chaplain, has returned to Topeka. He will be retired from the army December 15.

West Reappointed.

C. C. Coleman, attorney general-elect, announced the appointment of Judge J. S. West, of Wyandotte, as his first assistant. West has held that place for the past four years under Attorney General Godard.

\$6,000 and "Perquisites."

When Judge Doster becomes attorney for the Missouri Pacific—if he does—the salary will be \$6,000 a year, which is twice his salary as chief justice. And there will be fees, besides.

Lodge Deputy Assaulted.

J. R. Burton, of Kansas City, deputy organizer of the A. O. U. W. in Kansas, was assaulted in an Atchison lodge room by Dr. P. S. Mitchell, a local examiner of the order. Trouble over lodge matters was the cause.

Emerson Paid Car Fare.

Rev. F. W. Emerson, prohibition nominee for governor, was the only candidate for that office who did not carry passes. Emerson paid \$175 car fare during the campaign.

Plan Co-Operative Telephones.

Hiawatha men are contemplating a telephone exchange run by the people on the co-operative plan. The expense of the telephone connections will be only the actual cost.

Novel Affidavit of Expenses.

A candidate for a township office in Ellis county made this affidavit of expenses: "To getting votes, nothing. To my wife, who husked corn while I canvassed, \$3.50."

Turkey Dinner for Veterans.

For the Thanksgiving dinner for veterans at the National Soldiers' home in Leavenworth county, 2,500 pounds of turkey and 150 gallons of oysters will be required.

Forty Cattle Killed.

A heavily-laden stock train on the Santa Fe was wrecked two miles west of Wellington. Forty head of cattle, part of a shipment from Hereford, Tex., were killed.

Lawyer in Trouble.

C. T. Atkinson, an Arkansas City attorney, is under arrest for trying to bribe two witnesses to testify falsely in a divorce case in which Atkinson was defendant.

Rockefeller Beaten.

Mr. Rockefeller, a cousin of the Standard Oil magnate, who was running for the legislature on the fusion ticket in Russell county, was defeated.

Marshall County's Proud Boast.

Marshall county is credited with having more herds of pure-bred Hereford cattle than any other county in the United States.

The St. Paul Calendar for 1903, six sheets 10x15 inches, of beautiful reproductions, in colors, of pastel drawings by Bryson, is now ready for distribution and will be mailed on receipt of twenty-five (25) cents—coin or stamps. Address F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

"If ev'ry man," said Uncle Eben, "was willin' to work as hard as he expects his mule to work, dar wouldn't be nigh so much complainin' in dis worl'."—Washington Star.

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching piles. Yet there's a cure. Doan's Ointment never fails.

Men are valued by others in about the inverse ratio of their own valuation.—Ram's Horn.

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"I suffered for months from sore throat. Electric Oil cured me in twenty-four hours." M. S. Gist, Hawesville, Ky.

'Frisco System—New Observation Cafe Cars.

In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco System operates on its trains out of Saint Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals. Electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave Saint Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

She—"A woman is as young as she looks." He—"Yes; but she ain't always as young as she thinks she looks."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

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